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For the 2003 annual session of the Executive Board to be held at United Nations Headquarters from 2 to 6 and 9 June 2003

Summary

The present document contains the provisional annotated agenda and organization of work for the 2003 annual session of the Executive Board. The annex contains the proposed timetable and organization of work for the session.

* The submission of the present report was delayed pending the results of internal consultations.

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Annotated provisional agenda

1. Opening of the session: statements by the President of the Executive Board and the Executive Director

Introductory statements will be made by the President of the Executive Board and the Executive Director.

2. Adoption of the provisional agenda and timetable and organization of work

[FOR ACTION–E/ICEF/2003/10]

The provisional agenda has been structured in accordance with relevant Executive Board decisions, in particular the programme of work for 2003 adopted by the Board at its September 2002 session (E/ICEF/2002/8, decision 2002/19). The proposed timetable and organization of work, which has been shared with the Bureau, is contained in the annex.

Decisions will be adopted as the discussion of each agenda item is concluded. However, if required, time will be set aside for Board members to consult informally on all outstanding draft decisions.

3. Report of the Executive Director (Part II)

[FOR INFORMATION–E/ICEF/2003/4 (Part II)]

This is the first annual report of the Executive Director on progress towards achieving the organizational priorities of the UNICEF medium-term strategic plan (MTSP) for 2002-2005 (E/ICEF/2001/13 and Corr.1).

4. Review of the issue of establishment of an operational reserve

[FOR ACTION–E/ICEF/2003/AB/L.4]

In response to decision 2001/7 (E/ICEF/2001/6), the Executive Board will consider further the issue of establishment of an operational reserve. The Board may wish to consider and adopt the draft recommendation contained in the report.

The Board will also have before it for review the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on this report (E/ICEF/2003/AB/L.6).

5. The UNICEF recovery policy

[FOR ACTION–E/ICEF/2003/AB/L.5]

The Executive Board reviewed current recovery policy for support to other resources programmes at its first regular session in January 2003 (E/ICEF/2003/9 (Part I), paragraphs 39-59). Following the discussion, the Board took note of the recovery policy paper (E/ICEF/2003/AB/L.1) and report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the report (E/ICEF/2003/AB/L.2). The Board also requested the Executive Director to continue consultations with all parties concerned with a view to submitting this issue to the Board for decision at its 2003 annual session in June. This report responds to that request.

The Board will also have before it for review the report of the Advisory Committee on this report (E/ICEF/2003/AB/L.6).

6. Draft country programme documents

[FOR ACTION – E/ICEF/2003/P/L.1-E/ICEF/2003/P/L.13]

In accordance with Executive Board decision 2002/4 on procedures for consideration and approval of proposals for country programmes of cooperation (E/ICEF/2002/P/L.16), adopted at the first regular session in January 2002, the secretariat will present for the first time draft country programme documents. They are presented to the Board for discussion and comment, and for approval of the aggregate totals of estimated regular resources and other resources in the programme budget. Taking into account the comments of the Board, the draft documents will be revised, and include a summary results matrix. The revised country programme documents will be posted on the UNICEF Extranet in October 2003 and submitted to the Board for approval on a no objection basis at the first regular session in 2004 unless at least five members have informed the secretariat in writing, within six weeks of the posting of a document, of their wish to bring a particular country programme before the Executive Board.

The Board will have before it 13 draft country programme documents: four from the Eastern and Southern Africa region: Angola, Kenya, Madagascar and Somalia (E/ICEF/2003/P/L.1-E/ICEF/2003/P/L.4); four from the West and Central Africa region: Benin, Congo, Niger and Sierra Leone (E/ICEF/2003/P/L.5-E/ICEF/2003/P/L.8); one from the Americas and Caribbean region: Ecuador (E/ICEF/2003/P/L.9); two from the East Asia and Pacific region: Democratic People's Republic of Korea and Philippines (E/ICEF/2003/P/L.10 and E/ICEF/2003/P/L.11); one from the South Asia region: Pakistan (E/ICEF/2003/P/L.12); and one consolidated document for Palestinian children and women in Jordan, Lebanon, Syrian Arab Republic and the occupied Palestinian territory (E/ICEF/2003/13).

Following an introductory statement by the Director, Programme Division, the regional directors will provide brief overviews of activities in their regions, as well as summaries of the draft country programme documents being presented at this session.

7. Intercountry programmes

[FOR ACTION-E/ICEF/2003/P/L.14]

The Executive Board approved the intercountry programmes for the 2002-2003 biennium (E/ICEF/2001/P/L.74) at its second regular session in December 2001 (E/ICEF/2001/6, decision 2001/16). Based on the anticipated receipt through 2003 of additional other resources funds for the intercountry programmes, the Executive Board is requested to approve an increase in the intercountry programmes other resources ceiling.

8. Child protection issues: oral report

As requested at the second regular Board session in September 2002, the secretariat will present an oral report on child protection issues.

9. UNICEF action in favour of AIDS orphans: oral report

Continuing a series of presentations on various aspects of HIV/AIDS and the response of UNICEF, this oral report will focus on UNICEF action in favour of AIDS orphans.

10. Ensuring children's rights in Africa: oral report

Progress in ensuring children's rights in Africa is considered by the Executive Board on a biennial basis. The secretariat will provide an update on implementation of the UNICEF policy in Africa. The Board may wish to comment on the presentation and provide guidance to the secretariat, as necessary.

11. Human resources in the context of the medium-term strategic plan: oral report

Identified as one of the effective internal activities aimed at maximizing the potential for achieving the five organizational priorities of the MTSP and to strengthen overall performance, the secretariat will report orally on enhancing human resources capacity.

12. UNICEF collaboration with the corporate sector: oral report

As requested at the first regular Board session in January 2003, the secretariat will present an oral report on UNICEF collaboration with the corporate sector.

13. Reports on field visits of Executive Board members

[FOR INFORMATION–E/ICEF/2003/CRP.9 and E/ICEF/2003/CRP.10]

Selected by their respective regional groups, one team of Executive Board members visited Mozambique in the Eastern and Southern Africa region, which also included a joint segment with UNDP/UNFPA and WFP Board members. A second team visited Tajikistan and Uzbekistan in the Central and Eastern European, Commonwealth of Independent States and Baltic States region. The purpose of the visits is to enable Board members to observe UNICEF programme activities in the field. Each team will present its report.

14. Other matters

The Board may consider discussing any other issues that it finds timely and appropriate under this agenda item. In addition, in keeping with past practice, the President of the Global Staff Association will address the Executive Board at this time.

15. Closing of the session: remarks by the Executive Director and the President of the Executive Board

The Executive Director and the President will make concluding remarks and suspend the session in view of the convening of the joint meeting with the Executive Boards of UNICEF and UNDP/UNFPA, with the participation of WFP.

16. Joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNICEF and UNDP/UNFPA, with the participation of WFP

The joint meeting normally focuses on items of common concern to all the Boards as well as those with cross-cutting dimensions.

Annex

Proposed timetable and organization of work for the 2003 annual session of the Executive Board, 2 to 6 and 9 June*

Monday, 2 June	a.m.	*Item 1*	Opening of the session: statements by the President of the Executive Board and the Executive Director
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	p.m.	*Item 3 (cont'd)*	Report of the Executive Director (Part II) (continued)
		Item 6	Draft country programme documents
Tuesday, 3 June	a.m.	*Item 6 (cont'd)*	Draft country programme documents (continued)
	p.m.	*Item 6 (cont'd)*	Draft country programme documents (continued)
		Item 7	Intercountry programmes
Wednesday, 4 June	a.m.	*Item 4*	Review of the issue of establishment of an operational reserve
		Item 5	The UNICEF recovery policy
	p.m.	*Item 8*	Child protection issues: oral report
		Item 9	UNICEF action in favour of AIDS orphans: oral report
Thursday, 5 June	a.m.	*Item 10*	Ensuring children's rights in Africa: oral report
		Item 11	Human resources in the context of the MTSP: oral report
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Friday, 6 June	a.m. and p.m.	*Item 16*	Joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNICEF and UNDP/UNFPA, with the participation of WFP
Monday, 9 June	a.m. and p.m.	*Item 16 (cont'd)*	Joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNICEF and UNDP/UNFPA, with the participation of WFP (continued)

* When consideration of an agenda item concludes ahead of the allocated time, the next item will be taken up for consideration and the timetable adjusted accordingly.